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COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2010

June	Wednesday 2 nd 6:00pm		September	Wednesday 1 st 6:00pm
July	Wednesday 7 th 6:00pm		October	Wednesday 6 th 6:00pm
August	Wednesday 3 rd 6:00pm		November	Wednesday 3 rd 6:00pm

AFUWWA COMMITTEE - 2010

<u>President</u>	Margaret Giles
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Peace and Human Security	Lalani Weddikkara
International Relations	Kathy Mumford
Education (Bursary Coordinator)	Liz Flatters
Education (Advocacy)	Judy Eastham

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the quorate May General Meeting we heard from our 2008 Joyce Riley Bursary winner Katie Attwell and 2009 bursary winners, Wendy Grace (Mary Walters Bursary), Monique Sakalidis (Jill Bradshaw Bursary), Tracey Wright-Webster (Joyce Riley Bursary) and Annette Tyler (Mary and Elsie Stevens Bursary). It was great that other AFUW(WA) award winners could attend also.

Since the last newsletter, our long standing member Kerry Evans has stood down from the role of Education Convenor. Kerry has ably filled this role for many years, ensuring that our bursary assessment panel is in place and the bursary winners are chosen and informed in an expeditious manner. I thank Kerry very much on behalf of Committee, members, the assessment panels (past and present) and bursary applicants and winners.

I would also like to thank members who rallied to the cause in the hunt for a new Education Convenor. We now have Liz Flatters in the role of Education Convenor (Bursary Coordinator) and Judy Eastham as Education Convenor (Advocacy). Liz has hit the ground running and is working with Trust members and the assessment panel to ensure that the scholarships for 2010 are advertised shortly.

We are still collecting Australian souvenirs to be sold at the Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates (see <http://www.ifuw.org/hegg-hoffet/index.shtml>) stall at the upcoming IFUW conference in Mexico. If you have any craft or can access some locally produced souvenirs, please drop them into the office or email afuwwa@westnet.com.au for other arrangements. Lalani Weddikkara and Kathy Mumford are two WA members who will be attending the conference in Mexico.

Also at the May General Meeting, I introduced proposed changes to our Constitution recommended by Committee. This newsletter has a summary of these changes and the reasons for them. At the 14 August General Meeting each of the following motions will be discussed and voted on separately. (Note that this is in accordance with Commissioner for Consumer Protection guidelines for making changes to Association Constitutions.)

Motions:

1. That AFUW(WA) Inc. change name to Graduate Women WA Incorporated.
2. That the new name of the national body be recognised.
3. That the requirement to hold three General Meetings each year be removed.
4. That membership meeting quorums be 10% of the total membership at the date of the meeting.
5. That committee meeting quorums be five.
6. That the threshold for obtaining membership approval for expenditure be raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
7. That typographical, spelling and similar errors be corrected.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 14 August General Meeting and Literary Event.

Dr Margaret Giles - President, AFUWWA

CONGRATULATIONS AND AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Victoria Hann (left), being presented with the 2009 *Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French Cultural Studies* by Margaret Giles, AFUWWA President at UWA on May 10th 2010.

President, Dr Margaret Giles and Vice President, Ms Jennifer Antulov, represented AFUWWA at the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences 2010 Prize Giving Ceremony at The University of Western Australia on Monday 10 May. The evening commenced with a cocktail party and introduction by Dean Winthrop Professor Krishna Sen. Margaret presented two awards to Megan Crawley (2009 Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French Language) and Victoria Hann (2009 Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French Cultural Studies). The Ceremony was attended by many donors, including AFUWWA Life Member, Dorothy Ransom, award winners, faculty and friends.

Megan Crawley winner of the Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French Language 2009 writes:

I would like to thank you for the prize (Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French Language) I was awarded at UWA last Monday which was made possible through the generous contribution of the AFUWWA. I assure you that both the recognition of my studies and the monetary aspect will be of great assistance during my future studies, as they have increased my confidence in studying the French language and will allow me to purchase much needed text books in later units.

I am currently in my second year studying International Science at UWA; a degree which allows me to combine my love of both science and French. I plan to major in French and Pathology or another biological science before continuing with Honours in my chosen science discipline. Ultimately, I hope to study Postgraduate Medicine after completing my first degree, however working in the medical or biological research field is also a possibility.

I developed a passion for the French language after studying it throughout high school, while my French studies at UWA have both reinforced this interest and allowed me to learn much about the culture. I am hoping to visit France for the first time either at the end of this year or next and ideally I would like to participate in a research project in France in order to combine my two interests.

Thankyou once again for this generous prize and I hope to learn more about the AFUW in the near future.

GENERAL MEETINGS and AGM 2010

August Saturday 14th 2:00pm General Meeting followed by

Literary Function and High Tea

ME Wood Room St Catherine's College
Nedlands

October Tuesday 26th AGM 7:00pm

M.E. Wood Room

St Catherine's College, Nedlands

CURTIN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2010

On Thursday 29 April 2010, President, Dr Margaret Giles, and Events Coordinator, Ms Hilary Silbert, attended the Graduate Research School presentation event at Curtin University of Technology. Margaret presented the AFUWWA Curtin University PhD top-up scholarship to Paula Wyndow. Paula's PhD is entitled Gender Equality and Democracy and she will be examining the links between gender inequality and political change using econometric techniques.



L-R: Dean of the Curtin Graduate Research School Professor Graeme Wright, Events Coordinator Hilary Silbert, President Dr Margaret Giles and winner Paula Wyndow

EDUCATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRESENTATION



President Margaret Giles presents Robyn Carroll, Chair of the Education Trust a cheque for \$17,500 from the profits of academic dress hire. This will fund five scholarships for women doing postgraduate research. Applications for these scholarships will be available shortly.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR LONG-STANDING MEMBERSHIP

....were presented to Dr Shirley Watt and Wendy McCallum at the General Meeting on May 16th 2010.



Dr Shirley Watt joined AFUW(WA) in 1965. She was also the inaugural recipient of the Foundation Bursary in 1971.



Wendy McCallum joined AFUW(WA) in 1988, after being a member in AFUW-ACT for 12 years.

BURSARY WINNERS' PRESENTATIONS – MAY 16th 2010

The following Award winners were present at the General Meeting on May 16th 2010.

- Selina Metternick-Jones – 2009 AFUW(WA) Scholarship at St Catherine's College
- Lauren Kelly – 2010 AFUW(WA) Scholarship at St Catherine's College
- Lovisa Rosnas – 2007 Christine Morrow Memorial Prize Winner
- Paula Wyndow – 2010 AFUW(WA) Research Support Scholarship at Curtin University
- Monique Sakalidis - 2009 Jill Bradshaw Bursary
- Margaret Giles – AFUWWA President 2010
- Selina Metternick-Jones – 2009 AFUW(WA) Scholarship at St Catherine's College
- Lauren Kelly Lauren Kelly-AFUWWA's 2010 St Catherine's College Scholarship
- Wendy Grace – 2009 Mary Walters Bursary
- Annette Tyler – 2009 Mary & Elsie Stevens Bursary
- Paula Wyndow – 2010 AFUW(WA) Research Support Scholarship at Curtin University
- Tracey Wright Webster – 2009 Joyce Riley Bursary



AWARD WINNERS PRESENT AT THE GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 16TH 2010



L-R: Monique Sakalidis; Margaret Giles-AFUWWA President; Selina Metternick-Jones; Lauren Kelly; Wendy Grace; Annette Tyler; Paula Wyndow; Tracey Wright-Webster; Hilary Silbert-AFUWWA Events Coordinator.

Also present were Lovisa Rosnas, (above); and Katie Atwell (below). Apologies were received from Sue Morris-2009 Foundation Bursary and Megan Crawley - 2009 Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French Language.

BURSARY WINNERS' PRESENTATIONS May 2010

2008 Joyce Riley Bursary Winner - Katie Attwell PhD candidate Murdoch



Ms Attwell is doing a study of the two narratives of Israeli Jews active on Palestinian rights issues and the bursary will help to fund a field trip to Israel.

Benefits to community: To open up and contribute to an understanding of a facet of the Israeli-Arab conflict and develop a framework that can be used in other situations.

Purpose of funding

Funding assisted her travels to London and other communities to conduct interviews.

2009 MARY WALTERS BURSARY Wendy Grace PhD March 2010 UWA

Ms Grace expects to submit her thesis “Michel Foucault’s Power: beyond the Desires of French Psychoanalysis” by the end of 2009. In the 1970s Foucault initiated an unprecedented ‘history of sexuality’ through a novel reformulation of the concept of power. Ms Grace explores the intersection between Foucault’s writing in this area and the psychoanalysis developed by followers of Sigmund Freud in the French intellectual context of the years from the 1950s to the 1980s. The aim is to clarify Foucault’s position, against various misrepresentations, and to insist on the radical originality of his critique of Western assumptions pertaining to sexuality. In particular, she argues that Foucault’s approach enables us to analyse accurately and intelligently the situations women face today – in Western societies at least – where blanket oppression may not exist, yet equal opportunity often masks other types of entrenched power relations.

Purpose of funding

Ms Grace is a supporting parent whose bursary assisted in covering living expenses for a ten-week period in September and October.

2009 JOYCE RILEY BURSARY Tracey Wright Webster PhD Candidate UWA

Ms Wright Webster’s thesis explores youth gender and sexuality in urban Indonesia and across social hierarchies. Her research has focussed on middle to upper class youth. This thesis locates a pervasive negative discourse termed pergaulan bebas that positions female youth who engage in behaviours such as smoking, drinking, clubbing and pre-marital sexual experimentation as ‘bad girls’, deviants and a threat to national stability. Pergaulan bebas can be described as a moral panic that has lasted 40 years. The discourse has intensified with the pace of technological and cultural change since the end of the Suharto regime in 1998 and the reregulation of the media and the market. Ironically, this deregulation has brought with it a broad and sudden exposure to new possibilities and imaginings. These are highly ambivalent and at odds with normative Islamic and state ideologies and the values implicit in these. Ms Wright Webster explores, there, youth in Indonesia negotiating rapid and dramatic social and religious change.

Purpose of funding

Ms Wright Webster is a supporting parent who does not receive parenting payment. She requested the bursary for living expenses as her scholarship expired mid-June.

2009 JILL BRADSHAW BURSARY Monique Sakalidis PhD candidate Murdoch

The rapid expansion of the forestry industry in Australia and other areas of the world have resulted in movement of pathogens from country to country and from native environments into plantations and vice versa. This has also provided opportunities for hybrid formation and ‘super pathogen’ development. This has highlighted the need to be able to correctly identify pathogens and understand the relationship between them. It is also important to have an understanding of the population dynamics of pathogens which will impact on management procedures of plantations and quarantine issues.

Ms Sakalidis’ thesis is based on latent pathogens within the fungal family Botryosphaeriaceae. In particular, she has examined cryptic species that have been known to cause disease on numerous plant hosts both in native forest ecosystems, plantations and horticultural crops.

Ms Sakalidis commenced work in January 2005, attempting to sequence the mitochondrial genome of the pathogen *Neofusicoccum ribis*. Numerous techniques failed to generate mitochondrial sequence data from *N. ribis* and two years into her project she had to shift the focus of the project. Further delays occurred with samples collected in South Africa.

Purpose of funding

Ms Sakalidis has not received scholarship funding since December 2008 and has been supporting herself by working. The bursary will allow her to support herself to fully focus on completion of her PhD.

2009 MARY AND ELSE STEVENS BURSARY Annette Tyler PhD candidate UWA

Ms Tyler’s PhD research involves developing an instrument capable of examining ferrofluid (magnetic fluid) behaviour. This instrument will be used to study the effects of systematic variations in ferrofluid properties on ferrofluid behaviour, allowing the optimisation of ferrofluid samples for the treatment of retinal detachment. This will allow treatment by injecting a droplet of ferrofluid into the eye, using a magnetic buckle on the outside of the eye to hold the fluid in place, potentially replacing the current method wherein a patient may have to keep their head in a particular position for several days while the tear heals.

Purpose of funding

Ms Tyler intends to use bursary to help cover living expenses while she finishes writing her PhD thesis and prepare work for publication. The bursary allowed her to work full-time on completion of the thesis.

2009 FOUNDATION BURSARY Sue Morris PhD candidate UWA

Ms Morris is researching the role of trunk muscles in healthy people in stabilising the trunk through Anticipatory Postural Adjustments (APAs). These are the subconscious adjustments to posture that occur milliseconds prior to a predictable postural perturbation. APAs are thought to directly reflect motor control output since they occur before reflex responses to movement. The APAS are investigated in association with rapid arm movements using electromyography (EMG) and biomechanics. A dynamical systems approach is applied to manipulate body state and task parameters to examine the fluctuations in APAs. Control mechanisms for trunk muscle use during the movement are revealed through the examination of changes in the patterns of muscle use, posture, movement and energy transfer.

Her research findings are likely to

1. Provide evidence to support/refute current physiotherapy treatment regimes for chronic low back pain (CLBP)/
2. Provide scope for the development or refinement of further treatment protocols for CLBP.
3. Provide information useful for the prevention of back problems in healthy people.

Ms Morris has completed five and partially completed two of her eight chapter thesis and has presented her work at five conferences, including two international conferences. She expects to complete within months.

Purpose of funding

Ms Morris requested the bursary to provide child care for children while she completes her PhD. Her husband was unable to support the family alone because of the unpredictability of his work due to the economic downturn.

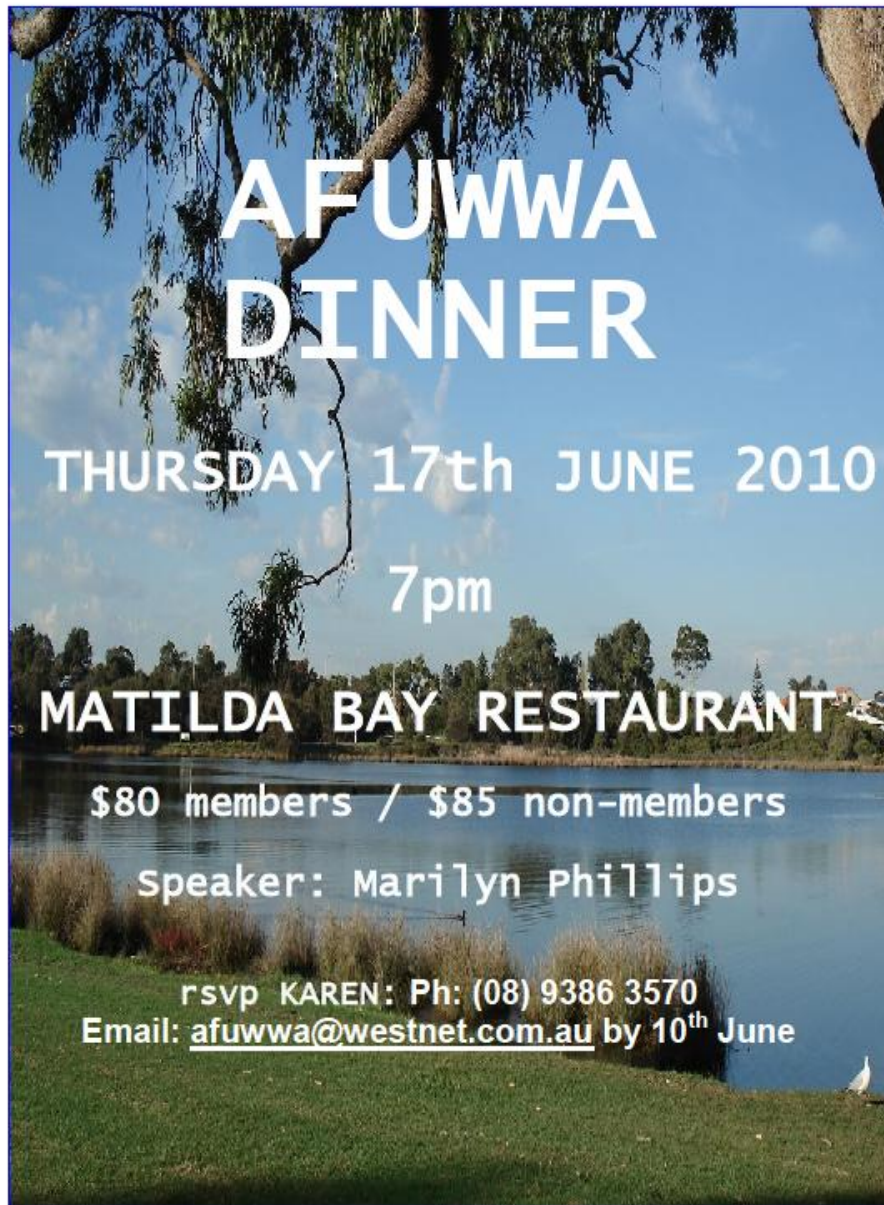
BREAKFAST WITH NADINE PERLEN - REPORT

Breakfast with Nadine Perlen, RACGP 2009 General Practise Supervisor of the year speaking on "Pursuing the Passion - and Staying Well" was on Sunday 2nd of May in Fremantle and attracted 20 bookings, mainly non members. Nadine was very well received. Thanks Alison Hayden for giving the vote of thanks.

Hilary Silbert – Events Coordinator

AFUWWA POETRY CLUB MEETING DATES 2010

June 10.30am Tuesday 8 th	VENUE: AFUWWA House 4 Park Rd Nedlands NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!	September 10.30am Tuesday 14 th
July 10.30am Tuesday 13 th		October 10.30am Tuesday 12 th
August 10.30am Tuesday 10 th		November 10.30am Tuesday 9 th



**AFUWWA
DINNER**

THURSDAY 17th JUNE 2010

7pm

MATILDA BAY RESTAURANT

\$80 members / \$85 non-members

speaker: Marilyn Phillips

rsvp KAREN: Ph: (08) 9386 3570
Email: afuwwa@westnet.com.au by 10th June

Marilyn Phillips is the guest speaker at the *Annual Dinner on Thursday 17th June at Matilda Bay Restaurant.*

Marilyn Phillips was born in Wales and studied at the Royal Academy of Music where she was awarded a Ralph Vaughan Williams Scholarship for advanced studies in piano accompaniment. As an accompanist, she has performed in major London concert halls, including the Royal Albert Hall, the Royal Festival Hall, and the Wigmore Hall, and venues in Western Europe and the USA. She has broadcast frequently on BBC television and radio and ABC Classic FM, with recordings released by the BBC and EMI.

Her principal engagements have included award-winning London productions of Carmen Jones, Don Giovanni, The Marriage of Figaro, and La Cenerentola, and productions with Papageno Opera and Michigan Opera Theatre in the USA. She has also worked extensively with many noted choruses including the Bach Singers, the London City Philharmonic, and the BBC Singers.

Marilyn was Head of Music with West Australian Opera from 1995 to 2005, and during that time worked on over twenty five productions with the Company, including the Helpmann Award winning Batavia. She was Chorus Director for the Perth International Arts Festival concert performance of Götterdämmerung and for His Majesty's Theatre Centenary Celebration performance of Carmina Burana.

Marilyn was appointed Chorus Director of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra Chorus in January 2006, and to date she has worked with internationally renowned conductors and established the WASO Chorus as one of the finest choruses in Australia.

Marilyn is an elected Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, and in 2000 was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to Australian opera. She is known as one of Australia's most versatile accompanists, equally at home with Bach or Bacharach. She continues to work as vocal coach with West Australian singers now following international careers, and recent recital performances have included broadcasts on ABC Classic FM.

**AFUWWA DINNER JUNE 2010
REGISTRATION**

I would like to attend the AFUWWA Dinner on Thursday June 17th 2010

MY DETAILS

Name

Address

Email

Home Phone **Mobil**

I wish to pay \$80 (member) \$85 (non member) by-

(i) Cheque / Money Order made to AFUWWA and posted to AFUWWA, PO Box 48, Nedlands 6009

(ii) Direct Transfer to AFUW(WA) BSB: 016484 Account: 429707746

Note: Please put your FULL NAME in the narration/payment description

(iii) Credit Card – Visa / Mastercard (Please circle)

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EMAIL TO: afuwwa@westnet.com.au**

AFUWWA COMMITTEE - Getting to know your committee members

PROFILE OF LALANI PREMA WEDDIKKARA- Convenor Peace and Security



Lalani is married with four children. Currently working at Curtin University, Lalani has also taught primary school children in Colombo and Sri Lanka as well as locally. Lalani's interest in Human Rights & Peace activities started in Sri Lanka in her work with Tsunami Relief with "Focus 21" and she continues this work from her home in Perth.

Involvement with multicultural activities started when Lalani joined the Sri Lanka Australia Friendship Association in 1970. Helping new migrants settle in Perth, is something Lalani and her husband, Ranjith have done for a very long time. In fact Lalani has spare beds, cooking utensils, tables, chairs etc to be used by new migrants. Visiting new migrants and asylum seekers is another aspect of her life which she has done for many years, as well as working very hard at fundraising activities to help the tsunami victims and to construct a new pre-school in Galle, Sri Lanka. Lalani's Sri Lanakan luncheons are a popular fundraiser towards this goal giving an outlet for her love of cooking international recipes which she shares with her husband, four children, Roshan, Lakshini, Rohimal & Lilanthi and two grandchildren, Xavier (4yrs) & Olivia (9 months). Lalani is an avid reader, and enjoys her travels around the world as well as studying different religions and the Bible.

PEACE AND SECURITY

PRE-SCHOOL AT GALLE, SRI LANKA 2010



The Pre-school was established in Galle after the tsunami of 2004 which affected the coastal areas and suffered heavy losses to life and surroundings. 65% of children in the area between Galle and Hikkaduwa (Southern coast) died due to the tsunami.

Since the Southern Tsunami Trust (established in 2005 by the Anglican Church) helped the people of this area. They saw a great need for the establishment of a pre-school. The school was opened in 2006 with the help of St. Michael's Mt Pleasant and Curtin University Library, at a rented house. We had 1 teacher and 1 assistant to help 28 children between the ages of 3-5.

Today, this pre-school has 38 children (photographs taken on 12th of February 2010), 2 teachers and 3 assistant teachers and 1 cook (we had to turn away 25 children due to lack of space this year). We have built a temporary building to house the pre-school (funded by the help of family & friends, Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Curtin University Library and St. Michael's Mt Pleasant). My husband and I bought the land adjoining the existing pre-school in February 2010 as we hope to build a permanent place for the children of the area. We will certainly need your support for this.



In early 2008-2009 we started an English course at Hikkaduwa, for young women graduates who were unable to find a job due to their limited knowledge of English. AFUW(WA) supports this project with St. Michael's Mt. Pleasant

In 2009 The Support given by AFUW (WA) to the women to learn new crafts such as Candle making, Soap making, Smocking and Embroidery has helped the women to gain back their self confidence. An exhibition of their work will be held in August this year.



For further information about the Pre-School and other work we do in the South of Sri Lanka with the women, please contact me on lalaniw@q-net.net.au

An Easter service organized by the Multifaith Officer, Sven Ostring was held at the Elizabeth Jolly lecture theatre at Curtin University on the 24th of March 2010, at which the Anglican Archbishop of Perth, the Curtin Community Church, The Roman Catholic Chaplaincy, Seventh-day Adventist ACTS Church and the Zion Praise Harvest were represented by their

representatives, who spoke on the meaning of Easter.

Lalani Weddikkara, Convenor Peace and Security

SRI LANKAN LUNCHEON

A sumptuous feast cooked by Lalani Weddakari and her family was enjoyed by a number of AFUWWA members on **SUNDAY 18th April** Proceeds from the Sri Lankan Lunch go to the Pre-School AFUW(WA) supports in Galle. The weather was exceptional for an outdoor setting. Lalani and her husband Ranjith spoke about their work in Sri Lanka.



WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES - AUSTRALIA

AFUW is partnered with this organization through one of its partners. There is an extensive website including members' area and a very interesting newsletter published regularly which can be downloaded from the site. Please share this resource with your colleagues and friends if you feel it would be beneficial.

Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) is the peak organization for women with all types of disabilities in Australia. It is a not-for-profit organisation constituted and driven by women with disabilities. It is the only organisation of its kind in Australia and one of only a very small number internationally. WWDA is inclusive and does not discriminate against any disability. WWDA is unique, in that it operates a national disability organisation; a national women's organisation; and a national human rights organisation (more information about WWDA can be found on the organisation's extensive website: www.wwda.org.au .)

Barbara Taylor, Convener - Status of Women

CONFERENCE UPDATE



The 30th Triennial Conference from the 5th to 9th of August 2010 is less than three months away. We're excited about seeing many of you in Mexico City! This is an opportunity to experience an IFUW Conference in a unique, warm and colourful setting. The Mexican Federation is planning many surprises and the IFUW Board of Officers and Committees are working to make this one of the best Conferences ever. There is still time to register!

- The early registration fee of 670 USD is still available if you register before 1 May. To register online, go to www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/index.shtml.
- A special rate of 113 USD plus per night (56.50 USD/person if sharing) is available in the conference hotel for those who book before 1 May. For those booking between 1 May and 30 May is 120 USD (60 USD/ per person if sharing) For the registration form, go to www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/hotel/index.shtml.
- All national federations and associations are encouraged to propose up to four members for the pre-conference training programme. Those interested should write to ifuw@ifuw.org. A limited number of grants are available for members of NFAs in countries with a gross national income (GNI) under USD 10,000.
- Warning! - Like some of the young members in this photo from Perth in 2001, if you come to Mexico, you may find you can't stop at just one Conference!

UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS

AFUWWA EVENTS 2010

June	Thursday 17th	AFUWWA Annual Dinner -7.30pm Matilda Bay Restaurant, Nedlands (see article to register)
August	Saturday 14th	Literary Function and High Tea 2:00pm ME Wood Room, St Catherine's College, Nedlands
December	Monday 6th or Wednesday 8th	Sundowner-BBQ 6:00pm ME Wood Room, St Catherine's College, Nedlands

IFUW and OTHER EVENTS

June	Friday 25th	The Health Consumers' Council WA (HCC) , free public forum, 9.30 am - 1 pm on the Advanced Health (E-news Article)
July	Date TBC	Centenary Trust for Women Annual Dinner
August	5th -9th	30th IFUW 2010 Conference Mexico City (see article)

BOOK CLUB MEETING DATES 2010

June Thursday 24th and Saturday 26th	AFUWWA House, 4 Park Rd, Nedlands	September Thursday 16 th and Saturday 25th
July Thursday 15 th and Saturday 24th		October Thursday 21st and Saturday 23rd
August Thursday 19 th and Saturday 28th		November Thursday 18 th and Saturday 27th

AFUW(WA) LITERARY AFTERNOON*featuring****Rachael Petridis and Karen Wood******2pm Saturday 14th August 2010******In the M.E. Wood Room, St Catherine's College******Delicious afternoon tea
\$5.00 per person******A brief General Meeting will be held prior to the afternoon tea.******RSVP to Karen on 9386 3570 or Email: afuwwa@westnet.com.au***

Rachael Petridis is a Western Australian poet. She is a founding member of the Fremantle writing group OOTA (Out of the Asylum) which in 2007 established *indigo*, Journal of West Australian Writing. She served on the editorial committee of the OOTA anthology *Friday's Page* and her work has appeared in Australian literary journals anthologies and newspapers. Recently she was published in the anthology *Lines in the Sand*, the FAWWA 2008 publication celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, WA.

In 2004 she was selected for the New Poets Program at Wollongong University Campus NSW and in August 2009 she won a residency with the Macquarie Group/Varuna Longlines Australian Poetry Centre Program, Katoomba, NSW.

SUNDECKED her first collection of poetry is described as...*gentle, perceptive and intensely lyrical...* to be published in 2010 by the Australian Poetry Centre, Melbourne.

Rachael is married with two children and two grandchildren. She sings with the UWA Choral Society.

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AFUW(WA) Member Karen Wood taught ceramics in a South London Art School and produced studio pottery which sold in galleries and craft outlets throughout the UK. Her book *Table Ware in Clay* was intended to be a manual of good advice to students but grew, like Topsy, into something much more.

